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**BY TELEGRAPH**  
**SCANDALOUS NUPTIALS.**  
**A Premature Intermarrying Between Bibed Relations in Kentucky.**

**An Uncle Marries His Niece and a Nephew His Aunt.**  
**A Windy Coward—The Johnson Case—A Charge of Corruption.**

**LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 1.**—The story of elopement and marriage of Joseph L. Stewart with his niece, Miss Hattie Stewart, has had a singular ending. The young couple were accompanied by a brother of the bride, aged 20, and a sister of the groom, who is of the same age as Hattie, who are also out in search of a preacher to marry them. In making an exchange of vows, and after a brief ceremony, the newly wedded pair started for the groom's mother's, in Jackson county, while the nephew and his aunt left for no one knows where. The father, accompanied by J. S. Henshaw, at once started in pursuit of the pair, and reached Crawford in time to enter the night train, and arrived at Athens about 7 o'clock. They took out a warrant for the arrest of the pair, and then started for the place. At 7:30 when they got there, and the house was still, as inmates having retired. Mr. Carothers was called to the door and stated that a young couple were stopping with him who answered the description, and begged that the parents make no disturbance. The father consented to remain outdoors while Mr. Henshaw went to the nuptial chamber as a mediator. Knocking at the door, he found that the couple had already retired, but were not asleep. The groom asked what was wanted.

"Put on your clothes at once, Joe, and come here, for I want to talk with you," replied Mr. Daugh. Young Stewart recognized the voice and instantly complied. He seemed frightened at first, but upon being assured that no harm would be done him if he acted upon his advice, he became calmer. Mr. Daugh explained to him the seriousness of the offense committed in contracting a marriage with his own niece, for there was a penalty of from one to ten years in the penitentiary attached to it. He told him he must at once give up the girl to her father and consent to a dissolution of the unholy bond, for there was no country in the world in which the children of such a marriage as man and wife. Joe said that Hattie and himself had long loved one another, and they thought there was nothing wrong in getting married. He did not want to get her in trouble, but if from them now he would break her heart. He at last told his bride to dress and meet her father. The meeting between the heart-broken parent and erring daughter was touching. She left her father's house and started for home on a train. Mr. Stewart was advised to return to Jackson county, as his presence in Lexington would only excite the mob. Mr. Stewart engaged W. G. Johnson to break up the band. The young people are deeply pained.

**Failure of the Year.**  
**NEW YORK, Jan. 1.**—The business failure in the United States during 1883, according to H. Dunn & Co., numbered 9,212, against 6,738 in 1882, an increase of 2,474. The liabilities for 1883 are \$172,000,000, against \$101,000,000 for 1882. The failures have not been greater than those of any year since 1873, when they reached 10,000, with liabilities of \$24,000,000. A close analysis of the tables presented in the circular shows that out of every thirty-four persons engaged in business in 1883 one person failed, while in 1873 the ratio was one out of every thirty-four. In Canada the proportion of failures during the year was one failure to every forty-eight firms.

**Submitted to a Resolution.**  
**CHICAGO, Jan. 1.**—The annual meeting of the Roberts & Oliver Wine Mill, took two or three weeks ago against the resolution of the stockholders to elect Mr. Charles W. Moore, as president. The stockholders were not satisfied with the management of the company, and they voted against their party or two dollars apiece, by all means give them a free and fair opportunity to put themselves on record to that effect.

**St. Louis Globe Democrat.** It is said to be a solemn fact that Kentucky, Missouri and Texas have absorbed over half the offices of the House. Furthermore, it is alleged, there has been barely one appointment given to an applicant living west of the Mississippi River. A question will probably be introduced when the House reconvenes regarding why it is necessary to transfer the patronage in a new effort to keep Kentucky, Texas and Missouri from going Republican next year.

**Winks you come to look at it.** You can't so much to blame, after all, selecting a large majority of the members of the House committees from the south. In the last presidential election the Democratic candidate secured 155 electoral votes, and 120 of them were furnished by the southern states. As long as the south contributes four-fifths of the electoral strength of the Democratic party, it is fit and proper that the members of a Democratic House should be bestowed upon her representatives in the same proportion; and we presume that is the way Mr. Crocker figured it.

**The Holiday Boom.**  
During the unprecedented volume of business which greeted us on Saturday and Monday, we were unable to satisfactorily dispose of the beautiful steel plate having that we intended presenting to a customer. In addition to our regular bargains in Mantles, Blankets and all other departments, we have out of the Toys, Dolls, nicknacks, and all the goods in half and shell, during the week, present each purchaser a magnificent steel plate picture of a child, as a Christmas memento. This Popular New York Stock.

**Perfect fitting clothing go and so Cheap.**  
Customers have ordered it, and therefore it is necessary to accept many orders in presenting the claims of the superiority of Priest & Co's. Hosiery. April 10—dwt

**A Charge of Corruption.**  
**VICKSBURG, Jan. 1.**—The steamer *Cash* arrived from the Tallahatchie river at 4 o'clock last evening with three corpses aboard—Capt. B. B. Bell, master, who died on board at 1 p. m. with a congestive chill; W. H. Foster, colored, who was killed at Yazoo City Saturday night, and that of Rev. W. S. Hill, who died at Shipyardville.

**The Johnson Case Compromised.**  
**INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 1.**—The Griffith Johnson celebrated case came to an end this morning, the plaintiff withdrawing all allegations of fraud and perjury, and receiving a title in fee simple to his share of the property which he joined with Mrs. Johnson in deeding away. The scandal has proven a nine-days' wonder.

**Ohio Senatorship.**  
**A Payment From in the Side of the Current Candidate.**  
**COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 1.**—The senatorship race has today increased proportionately, as large delegations have been arriving in the city, and the beginning of the new year found one of the hottest senatorial contests inaugurated ever known in Ohio. It is positively known that the ex-senator, Theodore Tilton, has withdrawn from the race, and this has been instrumental in thrusting Payne to the front. Payne's forces are somewhat shattered because they relied upon Tilton to win the fight against Payne. Payne, the victor in the contest, is not yet elected, but the senatorial friends of Payne, although demoralized by the loss of an aspect of affairs, are using every means for his re-election. It seems that to succumb now would virtually be a permanent retirement from public life. His friends realize that he is not as strong as Payne, but supporters indicate that he will be able to protect the right in contests to several battles. Payne, the victor in the contest, is not yet elected, but the senatorial friends of Payne, although demoralized by the loss of an aspect of affairs, are using every means for his re-election. It seems that to succumb now would virtually be a permanent retirement from public life. His friends realize that he is not as strong as Payne, but supporters indicate that he will be able to protect the right in contests to several battles.

**WASHINGTON.**  
**Bills for Forfeiture of Land Grants.**  
**WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.**—The committee on public lands expect to report a number of bills when Congress reconvenes, declaring forfeited lands granted certain railroad companies. The companies most interested are those in the northwest and south. The amount of land involved is reported by the manager of the committee, Mr. Cobb, at between fifty and one hundred million acres. The Texas Pacific land grant is expected to be reported first. This grant alone involves 14,000,000 acres. An interview last night, Mr. Cobb said, was no question as to the right of the government to declare forfeited twenty-five million acres of land on the various roads. Attorneys of the railroad, he continued, will be given an opportunity to be heard, but will not be given too much time. The Texas Pacific has not complied with the grant. It has forty-eight million acres that ought to be forfeited. In the judgment of the committee, the last Congress gave the bill for forfeiture seven to eight. There are a number of railroad men here now trying to oppose any legislation of the character contemplated. They have been trying to influence the members of the present Congress, but they got the Supreme court to declare the judiciary did not have power to declare land forfeited, and now they say the legislative power ought not to take any action at all, and leave the question to be thoroughly understood. These same men controlled the committees from the close of the war up to the Forty-fourth Congress, and they controlled the last Congress, and had committees on the subject. Their favor is the fact that every Republican Congress since 1855 has favored the railroad. No justice has been done the country, and the government has over 100,000 acres of land to be declared forfeited. The question of private claims, which will of course arise, will have to be settled by future legislation. The government will not oppress the men who in good faith bought lands from the railroad.

**Presidential Succession.**  
**WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.**—Representative Maclaud intends to urge the consideration at an early date of his bill to provide for the election of President and Vice-President for the unexpired term in case of the death, disability, resignation or inability of the president and vice-president, and to elect what officer shall be acting president and interim. The bill was introduced on December 10, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary, of which Maclaud is a member. The measure provides that the electors appointed by each state for the election of President and Vice-President, shall hold their trusts as such electors until the election of electors in their respective states for presidential terms of four years with power to fill vacancies. In case of removal of the President and Vice-President, from any cause, the Committee on Judiciary, of which Maclaud is a member, shall hold their trusts as such electors until the election of electors in their respective states for presidential terms of four years with power to fill vacancies. In case of removal of the President and Vice-President, from any cause, the Committee on Judiciary, of which Maclaud is a member, shall hold their trusts as such electors until the election of electors in their respective states for presidential terms of four years with power to fill vacancies.

**Gen. Humphrey's Funeral.**  
**WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.**—The funeral of the late Brigadier-General Humphrey will take place on Wednesday at five o'clock, p. m., at the residence of Mrs. Anna and Nelly Humphrey, at 1000 Pennsylvania street. The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock.

**Silver Coinage.**  
**WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.**—The issue of silver dollars for the week ending the 24th was \$297,498, against \$1,041,000 for the same time last year.

**The Profane Inquiry.**  
**WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.**—The Profane Inquiry of inquiry met today with closed doors and adjourned until Wednesday.

**Notes and News.**  
**A SAD MESSAGE.**  
Senator Allison received a telegram yesterday morning stating that his father was at the point of death. He left for Iowa on the 10 o'clock train.

**Public Buildings.**  
The supervising architect of the Treasury has completed plans of the government building at Quincy, Ill., Cairo, Ill., and Columbus, Ohio. He will soon advertise for proposals for construction. Preparations are being made for the erection of a new public building at Terre Haute.

**CITY SCHOOL NOTES.**  
**Notes from the Pen of Superint. Trainer—The Teachers' Meeting.**  
The Springfield meeting proved a success as far as the attendance and interest were concerned. A good delegation from the county was present. It is stated that more teachers were present from Decatur than from any city outside of Chicago.

**TEACHERS' MEETING.**  
The regular monthly meeting will convene at 1 p. m. on Saturday, Jan. 5, 1884. The following is the programme:  
Supplementary Reading, Nellie L. Hendricks.  
Geography, Mr. J. N. Donahay and Mr. J. A. Smith.  
New Year's Dressing.  
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General remarks by all.

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**Extraordinary Inducements.**  
Our reduction of 25 per cent discount on all classes of winter goods, misses' and children's outside wraps is from all indications properly appreciated, and an uncomparably large stock of winter goods—comprised of misses' and children's garments, have dwindled down beyond our expectations. For the accommodation of a large proportion of buyers who have not yet made their purchases, we have telegraphed for an invoice of 75 more of misses' and children's cloaks and have-lacks and will place them on sale at manufacturers' prices. We are buying these goods low below present and will offer them to the public regardless of actual value.

**Men, Boys and Children's**  
Seasonable Hats and Caps, all Styles and Shapes, at Henry's, the French Center.  
Fine Slippers Christmas present—J. W. Baker.  
Stim's Surprise Party—His new line of latest styles of neckwear.

**A Rare Chance.**  
For rent, a well furnished front room in the new block, on North Water street. Water, gas, bath-room, and all modern conveniences. Building heated by furnace. Call at 184 Prairie street, two doors east of postoffice.  
Buy your hard coal at Martin's, 1000 1/2 St. Louis.  
Boys' annual wears at Stine's.

**Excavator's Sale—Abstract Books.**  
Notice is hereby given that on Saturday, January 20, 1884, between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of the said day, at the West Main entrance to the State Prison, in Decatur, Illinois, I will sell at public sale, one set of abstract books, known as the "CHRISTIAN & HAINES' ABSTRACTS" for rent held in the city of Decatur and county of Randolph, Illinois, in accordance with an order of the county court of Madison county, Illinois, of the 25th day of March 1883; balance of six months.

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**Uncle Sam's Wallet.**  
**WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.**—The first half of the current fiscal year was ended yesterday. The total receipts of the government during last period have amounted in round numbers to \$178,844,000, against \$306,801,000 for the corresponding period of last year, a falling off of about \$128,456,000. The customs receipts are \$130,000,000 less than during the first half of last year, and the internal revenue receipts less by about \$13,000,000, or at the rate of \$25,000,000 a year, as compared with \$100,000,000 for the year and \$200,000,000 for internal revenue. It is probable that the falling off will not be so large during the latter half of the year. In July, owing to abnormal conditions, the customs receipts were nearly \$1,000,000 in excess of the estimate for that month. In August the decrease was \$4,747,000, but since August the falling off has been less each month. In September it was \$3,657,000; in October, \$1,854,000; in November, \$677,000, and in December, \$1,577,000. In other words the customs receipts each month since August have been steadily approaching the monthly receipts of last year.

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**It is a current rumor here that Villard's bank account has been swelled by a good deal of Washington money. Everybody here, excepting Brady, of star-route fame, who dealt in stocks, seems to have been bitten by the drop in the North Pacific. Brady made a fortune by it. A good many Congressmen were hurt and they feel ugly about it. An ex-Senator who got a point from Villard paid \$20,000 for the knowledge; a newspaper man dropped pretty much all he had into Villard's coffers, and even some of the directors were badly bitten. There will be a raid on North Pacific land grant in revenge for this, and other hostile legislation will be attempted. But Villard, they say, does not care whether school keeps or not.**

**Mr. A. Nichols, of this place, says he suffered from Catarrh for years. He purchased a bottle of Ely's Cream Balm of us. He is now almost cured, and says you cannot recommend it too highly. He is suffering from Ely's Cream Balm of all other catarrh remedies, can hardly keep a supply on hand. Ely's Balm, Druggists, Independence, Iowa.**

**For 35 years I have been afflicted with Catarrh, and I have been cured by my friend, Mr. W. C. Martin, of my room for two months at a time, I have tried all the humbugs in hopes of relief, but with no success until I met with an old friend who had used Ely's Cream Balm and advised me to try it. I purchased a bottle and from that time application I found relief. It is the best remedy I have ever tried. W. C. Martin, Justice of the Peace, Shannondale, Iowa.**

**Christmas is Coming.**  
Barber & Baker have the finest line of Christmas Shoppers ever brought to Decatur, and for the least money. Call and get a pair and make some one happy. 18-dwt

**Miss Lena Hensler will open her School of Education for the reception of pupils, Monday, Dec. 31st, in an elegant suite of rooms in the Haworth Block. Elevator entrance on Water street. Dec. 28-dwt**

**WANTED, LOST, FOUND, & CO.**  
(Notices in this column, of five lines or less, will be inserted one week for 25 cents, payable in advance.)  
LOST—A young milk cow. Apply at No. 40, across the street from the Fourth Ward school house. W. M. H. KENDALL.

**LOST—On Sunday morning, in front of a house on Geo. S. Purcell's farm, a pair of gold spectacles in leather case. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving them at Barber & Baker's store. 18-dwt**

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Take advantage of this opportunity and make an early selection. We cordially invite an inspection of everybody to our immense and attractive stock of everything to be found in a reliable jewelry house. If you can't call during the day, come in the evening. We will cheerfully show you goods and astonish you with low prices.

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Dec. 3, 1883-dwt

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**Holiday Goods.**  
All hands have been busy marking down prices. You can get a Bargain by buying your Christmas Presents and anything else you need in TOYS, HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS, FURNITURE, Etc., of R. LIDDLE, Dec. 20-dwt

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